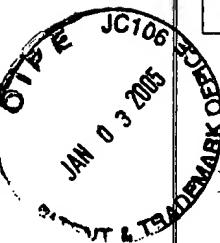


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In re application of:

**AKIRA KOMORIYA and BEVERLY
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Application No.: **09/394,019**

Filed: **09/10/1999**

For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR THE
DETECTION OF ENZYME ACTIVITY IN
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OF USE THEREOF**

Examiner: Chih Min Kam

Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response 3 months.